GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide 15 crore telephone connections in the Country during the next decade;

(b) if so, the number of telephone connections proposed to be provided during next two years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to reduce the telephone call rate; and

(d) if so, the detail thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of telephone connections proposed to be provided during next two years is 172.5 Lac. However, State-wise Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) targets are fixed on year to year basis at the stage of formation of annual plan.

(c) & (d): There is no such proposal at present.